

## DECLARATION

As below named inventors, We hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**PHEX SUBSTRATES AND METHODS USING SAME**

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the specification of which:

was filed as PCT international application No. PCT/2004/000453,  
on March 25, 2004.

We hereby state that We have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledged the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

**Prior Foreign Application(s):**

| <i>Number</i> | <i>Country</i> | <i>Filing Date</i> | <i>Status</i> | <i>Priority Claimed (Y/N)</i> |
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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the

filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

**Prior US National Application(s) Application(s) and PCT Applications Designating the US:**

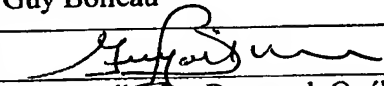
| <i>Number</i>     | <i>Country</i> | <i>Filing Date</i> | <i>Status</i> | <i>Priority Claimed (Y/N)</i> |
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| PCT/CA2004/000453 | CA             | 03/25/2004         | Nat. Phase    | Yes                           |
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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national filing date of this application.

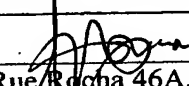
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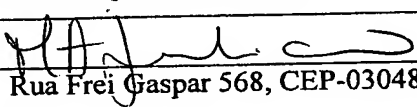
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| 60/457,296    | U.S.           | March 26, 2003     | Expired       | Yes                           |
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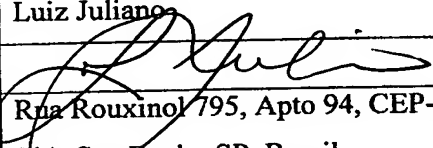
We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

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